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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In U.S. Application

Applicants: Kobayashi et al.

Serial No.: 09/187,700

Conf. No.: 3400

Filed: November 6, 1998

For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND
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FOR SEPARATELY)
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STORAGE MEDIUM)

Art Unit: 2137)

Examiner: Nguyen, Minh Dieu T.)

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June 16, 2005

Date

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TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-150

Dear Sir:

(X) Enclosed is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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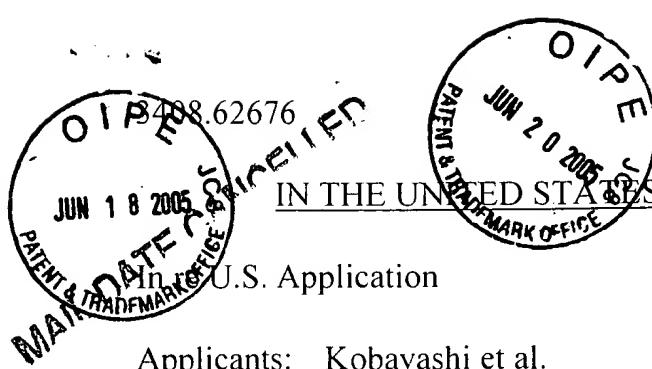
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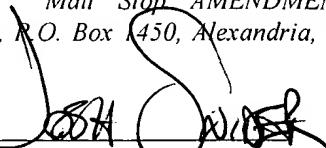
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 16, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-20, and 25-26, without traverse.

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